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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

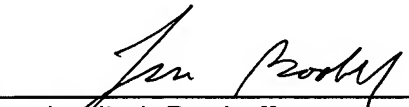
In reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of January 31, 2006,  
Applicants submit herewith a substitute "Amendments to the Claims" section of the  
Response to Office Action and Suggestion Under 37 C.F.R. § 41.202 for An  
Interference With U.S. Patent Nos. 6,190,408 and 6,409,760 filed January 23, 2006.  
The originally-filed Response inadvertently omitted the listing of claims 1-14 as  
canceled. A copy of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment is also enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this Response, and charge  
any required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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